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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A holding base system comprising

a base unit including

a platform having a top surface and a bottom surface with a V-notch

formed in the bottom and extending across said platform;

means for securing said V-notch of said platform to a tubular

surface;

an exteriorly splined shaft extending from said top surface of said

platform; and

an article holder including

an interiorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with said

exteriorly splined shaft; and

bifurcated arms fixed at and extending from opposite sides of said

interiorly splined ~~sprocket~~ socket.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A holding base system as in Claim 1, wherein

the said bifurcated arms are substantially rigid and each have at least one

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flexible vane fixed thereto and extending inwardly towards ~~an~~ the  
opposite one of said bifurcated arms and towards said socket.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A holding base system as in Claim 1, further  
including

a pair of base units;

rigid means interconnecting said pair of base units;

an article holder secured to each of said base units; and

means for adjusting the angular relationship of at least one of said article

holders relative to the base unit to which said one article holder is

secured.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A holding base system as in Claim 3, wherein  
said article holders each include article securement means; and wherein  
at least one of said article securement means includes strap means to pass  
over an article to be secured and to be fastened to ~~said securement~~  
~~means~~ an article holder.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A holding base system as in Claim 4, wherein

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at least one of said article securement means includes ~~a pair of~~  
~~bifurcated arms~~ a plurality of flexible vanes on each of said bifurcated  
arms and each said vane extending inwardly from an arm towards  
the other said arm and downwardly towards the socket.

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A holding base system as in Claim 1, and further including  
a cross-bar having an ~~exteriorly~~ interiorly splined socket fitting over and  
cooperating with said exteriorly splined shaft extending from said  
platform and having at least one exteriorly splined shaft extending  
therefrom; and  
wherein the at least one article holder ~~having~~ has an ~~exteriorly~~ interiorly  
splined socket fitting over and cooperating with at least one exteriorly  
splined shaft extending from said cross-bar.

Claim 9 (new): A holding base system as in Claim 1, further including  
means for securing an article inserted downwardly between the  
bifurcated arms.

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Claim 10 (new): A holding base system as in Claim 1, wherein  
said bifurcated arms are flexible.

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